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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/696,759	Applicant(s) CHEN ET AL.
	Examiner Parekh Patel	Art Unit 2829

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12/12/2007.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 6-24 and 26 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-5 and 25 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 17 January 2007 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, see page 2 of the Remarks, filed 12/12/2007, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-5 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. §103 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of newly found prior art reference.

Claim Objections

2. Claim 25 is objected to because of the following informalities: at line 2 "burn0in" should read --burn-in--. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1-5 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Cornelius et al. (US 6873172).

Regarding claim 1, Cornelius et al. (hereafter Cornelius) in fig. 1-9 discloses a system [10] for testing optoelectronic devices, the system comprising:

a burn-in rack [20] mountable within a support structure [40], said burn-in rack supports a plurality of optoelectronic devices [lasers] during burn-in testing and life testing, said burn-in rack with said plurality of optoelectronic devices being disposable in either a burn-in oven or within said support structure for life testing; and

a detector assembly [30] mounted to said support structure [40], said detector assembly comprising a plurality of detectors [plurality of 32], each of said plurality of detectors aligning with one of said plurality of optoelectronic devices to detect an output of each of said plurality of optoelectronic devices during the testing.

Regarding claim 2, Cornelius discloses a system as recited in claim 1, wherein said system further comprising a computer [computer] in electrical communication with at least one of said burn-in rack and said detector assembly.

Regarding claim 3, Cornelius discloses a system as recited in claim 2, wherein said computer controls [using control drivers of computer] said life testing and said burn-in testing.

Regarding claim 4, Cornelius discloses a system as recited in claim 1, wherein said burn-in rack comprises:

a rack base [base see fig. 2] that supports a circuit board [board for lasers, see fig. 2]; and

at least one diode support [holding unit] disposed from and supported by said rack base, said at least one diode support supporting said plurality of optoelectronic devices.

Regarding claim 5, Cornelius in fig. 5 discloses a system as recited in claim 1, wherein said plurality of detectors are organized in an array.

Regarding claim 25, Cornelius discloses the optical detector assembly, configured to simultaneously test the plurality of optoelectronic devices during burn-in testing and life testing [using computer].

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paresh Patel whose telephone number is 571-272-1968. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 to 4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ha Nguyen can be reached on 571-272-1678. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Paresh Patel/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2829

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